

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately prevented from traveling and unable to make votes on December 4, 2020. Had I been present I would have voted in favor of the motion to recommit H.R. 3884, against passage of H.R. 3884, and against S. 2981.

## HONORING DR. NOEL SMITH'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 95th birthday of Dr. Noel Smith from Fresno, California. Noel is a doctor, father and proud advocate in the community.

Dr. Smith is a native of La Brea, Trinidad. He graduated from Howard University with a Doctorate in Medicine, magna cum laude. In 1958, he fulfilled his residency at the Fresno County General Hospital, in which he served as an obstetrician/gynecologist for the people of West Fresno. In this position, he provided much needed medical care to the medically underserved.

Dr. Smith has previously worked at Fresno Regional Medical Center, Valley Medical Center and St. Agnes Hospital. He is a member of both the National Medical Association and the Golden State Medical Association.

He has shared his wisdom and been an active member of the community throughout his career, serving on numerous boards and commissions. These include the Edison-Bethune School Board, Infant of Prague Adoption Agency, Fresno Model Cities Board and Mayor's Bi-Racial committee. He is also a proud life member of the NAACP. Dr. Smith devotes his life and career to serving the Fresno community and he continues to share his knowledge by supporting those in need. He helped establish the West Fresno Health Care Coalition and served as Chair of the Fresno Model Cities Board and the T.B. Health Association.

He is a recipient of various honors and awards for his service to the community including, the 2010 African American Museum Trailblazers award and the Health award from the NAACP Fresno Board.

Dr. Smith and his wife, Gloria are the proud parents of eight children, Noel Jr., Quincy, Robert, John-Stephen, Jennifer, Anthony, Sybil and Ronald, grandparents of 15 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Dr. Noel Smith's 95th birthday. I ask that you join me

in wishing Dr. Smith and his family continued success, health and happiness.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2020*

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the following votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222; NAY on Roll Call No. 223; NAY on Roll Call No. 224; NAY on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; and NAY on Roll Call No. 227.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF EDWARD GLYN HESTER

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Edward Glyn Hester of Nettleton who passed away Saturday, November 7. As a fellow service member, I am grateful for Mr. Hester's dedication to family, state, and country.

Edward Glyn Hester was born on February 8, 1943 to Herman Glyn Hester and Ruth Johnson Hester. He spent his early years in Itawamba County and attended Nettleton High School. Glyn went on to graduate from Mississippi State University with a degree in business. He used these skills to build his own construction company, Glyn Hester Builders. He used these resources to serve as lead contractor in the construction of small homes throughout Mississippi dedicated to the Baptist Children's Village. There is a cottage in Starr, Mississippi named after Glyn and his wife, Judy. He dedicated over 20 years to the Baptist Children's Village, serving as a trustee.

Glyn Hester served in the Mississippi National Guard from 1965 to 1971. He was also a dedicated long-time member of Nettleton First Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon and Sunday School Secretary. Glyn was an important figure in the church, prioritizing regular attendance and arriving early to offer help to anyone who may need it.

Glyn is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy; son, Britton; daughter, Leslie; and two grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Edward Glyn Hester was a light unto all who had the opportunity to know and love him, and he will be deeply missed. My deepest condolences are with his family and friends.

## IN HONOR OF IAN BAIN

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 7, 2020*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Redwood City councilmember and former mayor Ian Bain as he leaves the city council after 17 years of continuous service, and nearly 18 years in all. It's been an extraordinary time of change for his city, and Ian helped shape much of the transformation.

In the past decade, Redwood City grew by nearly 10,000 persons, or 12 percent, and by nearly 21 percent since Ian first sat as a councilmember in the late 1990's. Twenty-first century buildings have replaced their 20th century predecessors, and in at least one instance a 19th century home was moved to a new location as acres of new construction commenced. Locals noted that crows fled the area while cranes—aerial cranes with steel swinging from cables—were spotted throughout downtown.

Ian Bain was a councilmember who cautioned colleagues that major change is hard on longtime residents. He was right. While the city rushed to meet the demands for office space related to the economic boom, and for housing that would temper skyrocketing rents, Ian noted that the effort was falling short for renters. As developers asked for approvals, Ian insisted that the developments work for all city residents.

Today, with the city and our nation in pandemic slow motion, it outwardly appears that pressure to grow is less. In fact, it's only delayed. Some of the solutions to our pandemic are being developed by rapidly growing companies located in Redwood City and throughout San Mateo County. These companies will need offices for researchers and housing for them and their families.

On one Superbowl Sunday, I stood with Ian Bain on a levee in the middle of an inland sea, with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, as Ian and I argued against housing being built in the bay. Regrettably, the agency decided to abandon its protection of the waters of the United States. The United States District Court subsequently found EPA's action in violation of the law. Ian has been steadfast in his opposition to filling San Francisco Bay.

As a member of the revenue and finance committee, he fought to ensure that expansion of Redwood City is accompanied by prudent city financing. The city has unfunded pension liabilities and Ian is quick to note that its infrastructure needs major renovations. For both environmental and fiscal reasons, Ian led the city's effort to reduce its use of electricity by 22 percent and of natural gas by 34 percent. Homeowners in Friendly Acres and residents in mobile home parks on the east side of Highway 101 have Ian to thank, in part, as the city closes in on a solution to regular flooding in their areas.

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